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SUBJ: CONSULAR CONVENTION

- 1. EMBASSY HAS REVIEWED DRAFT CONSULAR CONVENTION AND FINDS SUBSTANCE SATISFACTORY WITH THE FOLLOWING ONE EXCEPTION.
- 2. IN PARAGRAH 9 OF ARTICLE 39 "COMMUNICATION WITH NATIONALS OF THE SENDING STATE", CONSULAR ACCESS INVOLVING DUAL NATIONALS IS LIMITED TO THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE IN THE RECEIVING STATE FOR A TEMPORARY STAY. EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT BOTH IN PRINCIPLE AND ON BASIS OF PROBLEMS IN THE PAST, THAT CONSULAR ACCESS BE GRANTED ALL SENDING STATE NATIONALS WHETHER OR NOT IN RECEIVING STATE FOR TEMPORARY VISIT.
- 3. WHILE WE MAY HAVE TO COMPROMISE IN ANY NEGOTIATION, WE WOULD EXPECT TO START WITH A STRONGER POSITION THAN THAT IN THE DRAFT. THEREFORE, WE SUGGEST THAT LANGUAGE OF FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 9 BE ALTERED BY OMITTING PHRASE "FOR A TEMPORARY STAY".
- 4. DEPENDING UPON DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO PROPOSED CHANGE, EMBASSY IS PREPARED TO SUBMIT DRAFT CONVENTION TO YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY ALONG WITH PROPOSAL THAT INITIAL TALKS WITH SHAMWELL BE ARRANGED BEFORE OR AFTER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS SCHEDULED END OF JUNE TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE.
WE DO NOT, OF COURSE, KNOW WHETHER YUGOSLAVS WILL BE READY
TO MOVE THIS QUICKLY, SO ANY TRAVEL PLANS TO YUGOSLAVIA MUST
BE HIGHLY TENTATIVE.
EAGLEBURGER

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